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NOTICE.

THE undersigned, in pursuance of the respective provisions of Articles IX and VIA of the Land Regulations for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, hereby give notice that Thursday and Friday, January 21 and 22, 1915, are fixed upon for the election of Councillors together with the election, by registered owners of land in the Settlement, of a Land Commissioner, for the Municipal year 1915.

Nomination papers should be returned to the Council Room not later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 1915.

Shanghai, January 3, 1915.

VON ZEPPELIN OBERMÜLLER,
Consul-General for the Netherlands, and Doyen of the Corps Consulaire.
T. RAASCHOU,
Consul-General for Denmark.
A. ARIYOSHI,
Consul-General for Japan.
E. D. H. FRASER,
H.M. Consul-General.
V. GROSSE,
Consul-General for Russia.
J. E. HULTMAN,
Consul-General for Sweden.
G. BARJONA,
Consul-General for Portugal.
K. BERNAUER,
Consul-General for Austria-Hungary.
L. SCELSI,
Consul-General for Italy.
H. KNIPPING,
Consul-General for Germany, and Acting Consul for Brazil.
GASTON KAHN,
Consul-General for France.
E. DE BLANCK,
Consul-General for Cuba.
THOMAS SAMMONS,
Consul-General for the United States of America.
JORGEN EITZEN,
Acting Consul-General for Norway.
A. HOUYET,
Acting Consul-General for Belgium.
CARLOS DE SOSTOA,
Consul for Spain, and Acting Consul for Mexico.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2292.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has from this date resumed charge of the Municipal Offices.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 14, 1915.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2293.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ratepayers, duly qualified under Article XIX of the Land Regulations, have been proposed and seconded, and have given their written consent to serve, if elected, as Councillors for the Foreign Community of Shanghai for the Municipal year 1915.

Messrs. E. I. Ezra
H. Figge
H. C. Gulland
A. Hide
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs. J. Johnstone
Akira Ishii
C. G. S. Mackie
W. L. Merriman
E. C. Pearce
A. S. P. White-Cooper

Mr. H. G. Simms being the only nominee by registered landowners has been elected Land Commissioner for 1915.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 14, 1915.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2294.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

THE Poll will remain open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m, on Thursday and Friday, January 21 and 22.

No Voting Tickets are issued. Qualified ratepayers desiring to vote are required to attend at either of the Voting Stations and to mark on a list the names of the persons, not exceeding nine, for whom they intend to vote.

Voting Stations will be established at —

The Tax Office, 7A The Bund.

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Sub-Agency, 9 Broadway.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai. January 18, 1915.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2295.

ROAD PLANS.

NOTICE is hereby given that plans showing new roads, extension and widening of existing roads, and extension of lands already occupied by public works and for purposes of sanitation, in the Central, Northern and Western Districts, as required in Articles VI and VIA of the Land Regulations, are now open to inspection at the Public Works Office. Copies thereof, when prepared, will be sent to the several Consular Land Offices.

Landowners and agents are reminded that, under the provisions of Land Regulation VIA proprietors have the right, for three months after the publication of notice that the plans are open to inspection, to protest in writing against any road, extension or widening of road, or extension of public works, or establishment of sanitary building or works, therein scheduled, following thereafter the procedure laid down in that Regulation.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room.
Shanghai, January 21, 1915.

AT the meeting of the Building Rules Commission held on Thursday, January 14, 1915, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:
Messrs. H. C. Gulland (*Chairman*)
W. H. Trenchard Davis
E. C. Emmett
S. J. Halse
C. H. Godfrey (*Municipal Engineer*)
P. Peebles
M. W. Pett (*Chief Officer, Fire Brigade*)
G. H. Wright (*Legal Adviser*)
Absent: F. H. Crossley

The meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Permanent Education Committee held on Monday, January 11, 1915, at 5 o'clock p.m., there were:—

Present:
Rev. Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott (*Chairman*)
" " G. H. Bondfield
" A. J. Walker
Dr. R. S. Ivy
Mr. A. S. P. White-Cooper

The meeting adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Works Committee held on Monday, January 18, 1915, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:
Messrs. H. C. Gulland (*Chairman*)
E. I. Ezra
W. L. Merriman

The meeting adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

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AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 20, 1915, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
C. E. Anton
E. I. Ezra
H. C. Gulland
A. Hide
C. G. S. Mackie
W. L. Merriman
A. S. P. White-Cooper

Absent: H. Figge

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock p.m.

Court of Foreign Consuls.

A communication from the Consular Body informs the Council of the election of the representatives of the Netherlands, Denmark and Great Britain, to constitute the Court for 1915, in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVII of the Land Regulations.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Hongkong Road.—Correspondence containing the terms agreed upon in respect of the scheduled area of Lot 69:—

Shanghai, May 23, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—We send you herewith a sketch plan showing a single story shed which we propose to erect on B.C. Lot 8159. A portion of the lot is scheduled for road widening purposes, but in view of the fact that the buildings on either side of the lot come forward to the old line, we wish to ask whether the Council will permit us to erect this shed, which is to be purely a temporary building, on the present building line. We would, of course, undertake to set back to the new building line when required to do so by the Council after say twelve months from date, and we should, of course, make no claim for the cost of building. We should be obliged if you could let us have an answer as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
DAVIES & BROOKE.

CHAS. H. GODFREY, Esq.
Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 13, 1914.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of May 23, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, I am directed to state that the Council accedes to your request to be permitted to erect a temporary building over that portion of Lot 69 which is scheduled for widening the Hongkong Road, upon the condition that deeds of surrender for the area in question be signed forthwith, and thereupon that it be leased to yourselves at a rent calculated at 6 per cent. per annum on the amount of compensation, the lease to be terminable at three months notice.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. DAVIES & BROOKE.

Shanghai, October 12, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—Replying to your letter of June 13 last, we now have pleasure in forwarding our client's claim for compensation in respect of the strip of land to be surrendered to the Council from the above lot, for the purpose of the widening of Hongkong Road, as below:—

Area to be surrendered, Mow 0.059, at assessed value Tls. 30,000 per mow	Tls. 1,770
Add 10 per cent. for compulsory surrender	177
Total Tls.	1,947

We have not made any allowance on account of betterment, as we consider that the extra width of the road confers no advantage to the property, which is to be used for the erection of a godown.

We are,
Yours faithfully,
DAVIES & BROOKE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 20, 1914.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of October 12, on the subject of the compensation payable in respect of the area scheduled from Lot 69 for widening the Hongkong Road, I am directed to accept the rate upon which your claim is based, i.e., the assessed value, Tls. 30,000 per mow, with ten per cent. added for compulsory surrender.

In all cases of the widening of roads up to thirty feet in width it has been the Council's practice, upheld by a series of decisions by the Land Commission, to call for reduction of claims by one-third for betterment, and the fact that the property is intended to be used as a godown is considered ample evidence of the necessity in this case for a wider road than at present exists

Reduced by one-third accordingly, the claim presented amounts to Tls. 1,298, and this sum I am directed to offer you in respect of the requisite surrender, whereafter the strip will be leased to yourselves in terms of my letter of June 13 last, at a rental of Tls. 78 per annum.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. DAVIES & BROOKE.

Shanghai, December 24, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—Replying to your letter of October 20 last, our client has decided to accept the Council's offer of Tls. 1,298 as compensation in respect of the area scheduled from the above Lot 69 for widening the Hongkong Road. We should, therefore, be glad if you would kindly have the necessary surrender deeds prepared and sent to us, so that the matter can be settled.

Yours faithfully,
DAVIES & BROOKE.

J. B. A. MACKINNON, Esq.,
Acting Secretary, Municipal Council.

Thorburn Road.—An improvement in the line of this road in the section immediately north of Yangtszepoo Road has been arranged on the terms set forth in the following letter:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 11, 1914.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 17, and to confirm the arrangement therein contained whereby an improved line will be brought about in the southernmost section of the Thorburn Road, as follows:—

The Catholic Mission of Kiangnan will surrender from Lot 2925 the area coloured blue on the plan enclosed herewith, measuring Mow 0.030, and will pay the sum of Tls. 600 being the purchase price of the piece of land thereto adjoining, hatched in red, measuring Mow 0.220, while in return the Council records that it has no objection to incorporation within the Mission building line of the area, now in the road which is coloured red and measures Mow 0.255.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

REV. V. MOULY.

Tatung Road.—Negotiations have been concluded with Messrs. Platt, Macleod and Wilson for the surrender without compensation of the scheduled area of Lot 968, measuring Mow 0 224.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.

Playing of Games.—Arising out of complaints received as to interference caused to games by unreasonable action on the part of other players, it has been decided, upon the recommendation of the Parks Committee, to amend the Regulations so that during the winter months golf may be played without restriction in the forenoons but in the afternoons this game shall be permitted only when the ground is not required for other organised sports or games, and on Saturdays and Sundays it shall cease at 1.30 p.m. As regards the summer months it is considered that for the present no change is requisite in the regulation that golf is not permitted after 3 p.m.

It has further been decided to include baseball in the games for which provision is made in Rules 8 and 11, and to disallow the reservation in advance of grounds for practice games.

The revised Regulations are as follows:—

REGULATIONS.

1.—The Ground is reserved exclusively for the Foreign Community.

2.—The Ground is open to the Public between the hours of 5 a.m. and midnight from May 1 to October 5, and 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. from October 6 to April 30.

3.—No Indians are admitted unless respectably dressed.

4.—Horses, ponies, vehicles and bicycles are not admitted.

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5.—Dogs are not admitted unless properly muzzled and led on leash.

6.—Perambulators must be confined to the paths.

7.—Birdnesting, plucking flowers or otherwise damaging the shrubs, plants or grass is strictly prohibited; visitors and other persons in charge of children are requested to aid in preventing such mischief.

8.—Cricket, golf, lawn tennis, bowls, baseball, football, and hockey are permitted only upon those portions of the Ground specially set apart for these games. The season for football and hockey begins, approximately, on October 15 and ends on March 15; that for cricket, lawn tennis, bowls and baseball on May 1, and ends on October 15.

9.—Grounds may be reserved for matches upon written application being made to the Honorary ecretary.

10.—No play is permitted when, in the opinion of the Parkkeeper, the grounds are not in a fit condition. A notice to that effect will then be exhibited at the entrance.

11.—Cricket, football, hockey and baseball, are not permitted on Sundays until 1 p.m.

12.—The positions of lawn tennis courts are arranged by the Superintendent. Persons using the courts are required to wear indiarubber soled boots or shoes.

13.—The playing of golf is not permitted—

(a) after 3 p.m. between May 1 and October 31:

(b) between November 1 and April 30; on Saturdays and Sundays, after 1.30 p.m.; and on Weekdays, after 12 o'clock noon if the Ground is required for other organized sports or games.

14.—Shooting, boating, boat sailing, lighting fires and bathing are strictly prohibited.

15.—No beating of carpets is allowed on the Ground.

16.—The Police have instructions to enforce these Regulations.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

The following is the text of Article 22 of the General Regulations for the conduct of Japanese subjects in Shanghai (*vide* Japanese Consular Notification No. 3 of September 5, 1908);—

Japanese men entering the Public Gardens must wear foreign clothes or haori and hakama.

Educational Grants.

St. Joseph's Institution.—Correspondence on the subject of an increase in the annual grant to this institution:—

Translation of letter from St. Joseph's Institution.

Shanghai, February 12, 1914.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you the accounts of the Providence Orphanage, 28 Rue Montauban, and I take this occasion to thank you and the Members of Council, and the Members of the Committee of Education, for the assistance which they are kind enough to grant to us.

I venture also to request that you will be so good as to consider the extent to which the expenditure exceeds the revenue; and to beg for an increase, if possible, in the annual grant which is so kindly allotted.

The figures speak for themselves, and I have no need to base my request upon other reasons. Our expenses are very heavy.

Pray accept, dear Sir, with my best thanks, an expression of my deepest consideration.

M. DE STE. PHILOMÈNE,
Mother Superior.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

FRENCH ORPHANAGE,
28 Rue Montauban.

111 boarders entirely free of charge; 11 boarders paying on an average $6 per month:—

Receipts.

Grant (English Municipality)	$1,340.00
,, (French Municipality)	2.000.00
Fees received	1,056.00
Donation	1,200.00
Revenue of the work room	454.80
	$ 6,050.80
Difference	14,764.20

Expenses.

122 pupils at $6 per month	$8,784
Location (part)	5.578
Washing	2,928
Water	180
Fuel and light	520
Medicines	150
Outside teachers (part)	447
Servants (2)	276
Books and stationery	220
Shoes	420
House linen and clothes	506
Excursions as rewards	76
Annual prizes	130
Christmas tree	600
	$20,815

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 7, 1914.

MADAM,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 12, containing a statement of the accounts of the French Orphanage for the past year, and requesting an increase of the Council's annual grant of Tls. 1,000.

In reply I am directed to state that in view of the fact that St. Joseph's Institution is situated in the French Settlement, and is primarily of French origin and conducted under French auspices the Council is of opinion that additional assistance out of public funds should fall rather upon the French than upon the Foreign Settlement. Under these circumstances, while recognising the good services which the Institution gives to the poorer section of the Community, the Council is unable to entertain the application which you make for an increase in the annual grant.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

M. DE STE. PHILOMÈNE,
Mother Superior,
Société des Auxiliatrices.

St. Joseph's Institute,
Shanghai, November 13, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—Last year we had the honour of addressing the Council with a request for the increase of the annual grant for our orphanage, known as St. Joseph's Institution (Providence School), and the Council replied on March 7, 1914, stating that our Institution was situated in the French Settlement, additional assistance out of the Public Funds, should fall, rather on the French than on the Foreign Settlement, and that, therefore, our application could not be entertained.

Under these circumstances we feel some diffidence in returning to the subject, in order to explain the facts, more fully on this occasion, and to renew our request in the confidence that a careful study of the grounds upon which it is based, will convince you and the Council, that we are not asking for anything but what is reasonable.

The following are the facts:—

Numbers of Children.

British	49
Other nationalities resident in the Foreign Settlement, chiefly English-speaking	52
Number of children from both Settlements in the year of our establishment, 1876	30

The figures of the above paragraph speak for themselves, and we submit, respectfully, that they show that the fact of our house being situated in the French Settlement, is under these circumstances not so material as the Council may perhaps have thought.

Amount of Grants.—As to the 26 French children we are assisted annually by a Grant from the French Council of Tls 1,500, which has been increased to its present figure on one occasion since the year 1876.

As to the 101 children from the Foreign Settlement we are assisted annually by a Grant from the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement North of the Yangkingpang by a Grant of Tls. 1.000: this was made in the year 1876, and has not been increased on a single occasion since.

It will thus be seen that (assuming that the whole of the 30 children in 1876 came from the Foreign Settlement) whereas, the Municipal Council 38 years ago allowed $33 per year per child, they now allow us $10 per year per child. Meanwhile *expenditure* has, of course, become very much higher, and may be seen in detail by reference to our last statement of accounts which we sent to you in February.

Character of the Orphanage.—You remarked in your letter of March 7, that our Institution was primarily of French origin and conducted under French auspices. We do not think this statement gives quite a correct description of our position, as we have made it here: but even if it were so, we feel bound to point out that this furnishes no better ground for withholding assistance, than it did at the time of our establishment: the Council assisted us in a certain proportion then, and we think we can fairly ask for assistance in the same proportion now. But we

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would describe ourselves rather as primarily of *charitable* origin. For nearly forty years we have fed, clothed, and brought up the orphans of the Settlements without distinction of race or class. As an instance of what is meant, we must point out that our annual deficit (which for the year 1913 was $10,000) is supplied by our paying Institute. Our mothers have also given their lives to the Institution solely out of charitable motives. Therefore we would ask that our origin be regarded as charitable and educative, and nothing else.

As to our orphanage being conducted under French auspices, though the point hardly affects the issue, we venture also to call this into question. Our English-speaking Mothers, who are British subjects, are in some cases known personally to the Members of the Council, and we would point with absolute confidence also, to the results of the work, as shown in the orphans whom we have brought up, and who are now in the world, in evidence of the fact that we have fitted them for life not merely among French people but in the International community. We have conducted the orphanage on the broadest possible lines, and we believe the Members of the Educational Committee have nothing but good to say of what we have striven to do. We have not hitherto obtruded our work on the Council, and would not describe it in this way if it were not now necessary to make the matter clear.

We trust that enough has been said to show that the orphanage has done very valuable and disinterested work for the Foreign Settlement, and is therefore entitled to the Council's kindest consideration. Without additional assistance and sympathetic practical co-operation, it is quite evident that in spite of our efforts, we cannot alone maintain this heavy burden.

It is to be added that the Police and Consulates have often sent us orphans to be brought up without any compensation.

In the circumstances, we respectfully request that the Council's Grant of Tls. 1,000, which we have patiently accepted without increase for 38 years, be raised for this year, and the future to Tls. 3,000, or to such other adequate amount as the Council may be good enough to decide.

We are, Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. DE STE. PHILOMÈNE,

Mother Superior.

The SECRETARY,

Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, November 22, 1914.

MADAM,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 13, requesting an increase of the Council's annual grant to the St. Joseph's Institution, known as the French Orphanage.

In reply I am directed to state that the Council has referred this application to the Permanent Educational Committee, which will give it attention when considering the Educational Grants for the year 1915.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,

Acting Secretary.

M. DE STE. PHILOMÈNE,

Mother Superior,

Société des Auxiliatrices.

St. Joseph's Institute,

Shanghai, November 23, 1914.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 22, with reference to our request for an augmentation of the annual grant to the Orphanage.

We should esteem it a great favour if a definite answer could be forwarded to us before the end of this year. We must consider and arrange our budget for 1915, but in the presence of the deficit of last year, as well as the uncertainty of a favourable reply from the Committee, we find this rather difficult.

In view of our patient waiting hitherto, we trust that the matter may be somewhat expedited, and that as a special case, we may be favoured with an early decision upon our petition.

With thanks in anticipation,

We are, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

M. DE ST. PHILOMÈNE,

Mother Superior.

The SECRETARY,

Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 18, 1914.

MADAM,—With reference to your letter of November 18 and the Council's reply of November 22 I am directed to inform you that at the recommendation of the Permanent Educational Committee the Council has approved your application for an increase of the grant to the St Joseph's Institution to Tls. 3,000 per annum, and provision will be made accordingly in the Budget for the forthcoming year.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,

Acting Secretary.

M. DE STE. PHILOMÈNE,

Mother Superior,

Société des Auxiliatrices.

Municipal Staff.

Police Force.—3rd Class Sergeant S. H Rawlings was promoted to be 2nd Class Sergeant with effect from September 1, 1914.

The service of Mr. J. Williamson, Junior Clerk at the Gaol, terminated on January 11.

A gratuity of $300 was authorised for issue to the widow of the late Detective Constable Kwang Ling, who was killed while in the execution of his duty on January 6.

A gratuity of $200 was authorised for issue to the relatives of the late Zau Zai-kwung who died in consequence of wounds received while assisting the Police on January 6; and of $100 to Zung Tuh-ming who was wounded on the same occasion.

Health Department.—The service of Nurse Sada Uyeno terminated on January 8.

Public School for Girls.—The service of Miss M. Dunn, temporary Assistant Mistress, terminated on January 9

Plans of New Buildings Approved.

Cad. Lot	Road.	Applicant.	Description.
			Foreign.
764	Range and Haskell	Chinese	4 houses and boundary wall
2470			
2834	Whashing	J. F. Takaki	1 Godown
2357	Yangtsze-poo	E. J. Muller	1 Block of Offices
927			
935	Carter	Chinese	Additions to 4 houses
2874	Nanyang	Tilley and Limby	3 houses
			Chinese
258	Honan and Hankow	W. M. Dowdall	92 houses and 2 gatehouses (amended plan)
4202 N of	Rangoon	J. Kerfoot	63 houses
3020 W of	Carter	Chinese	4 houses
3906	Gordon	do.	9 houses

Return of Communicable Disease.

Reported during the week ending Sunday January 17, 1915.	Cases notified among Foreign resident population of 14,600	Deaths among Chinese resident population of 526,500
Small-pox.	6	7
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	—
Diphtheria.	0	3
Scarlet Fever.	2	2
Tuberculosis	1	14
Plague	0	0
Dysentery	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	8	161

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

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Band Performances.

The attendance on Sunday, January 17, numbered 729.

On Sunday next, January 24, at 4.30 p.m., the programme will be as follows :—

1. Symphonic Poem "Tasso" Liszt.
2. (a) Song ,,
   (b) Two Consolations ,,

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3. Symphony (No. 6) "Pathétique" Tschaikowsky.

Conductor, Professor R. Buck.

Engineer's Report for December.

Roads—A 12' strip of Edinburgh Road is being ballasted and metalled between Siccawei Road and Yuyuen Road. The work will be continued Northwards to the Brenan Road and thence to the Jessfield Road.

West Soochow Road has been opened to traffic as an unmetalled road East of Tonquin Road.

A useful widening has been effected at the corner of Yates Road and Great Western Road.

Dixwell Road is being chip paved between Sawgin Road and the Sawginkiang, along the length of the concrete bunding constructed last year.

A rectification of the line of Thorburn Road has been carried out North of Yangtszepoo Road and an awkward bend in the road thereby eliminated.

The carriageways of the Boone Road and Hanbury Road have been widened along the frontage of the Hongkew Markets by reducing the width of the footpaths, in order to relieve, to some extent, the congestion of traffic.

Bridges.—A wooden bridge has been constructed across the Artery Creek on the Hungjao Road and the culvert removed.

A small footbridge across the Yangkingpang, West of Shantung Road, has been removed by the French Council as it was of no further service and was beyond repair.

Bundings.—The bunding in concrete of the Sawginkiang, West of East Kashing Road, has been completed. The reinstatement to the creek bed and the mud filling of the road still remain to be done.

Drainage.—The laying of the Defence Creek culvert has been completed as far as the Loongfei Bridge and a commencement made on the work of the excavation and foundations South of this point. The creek is now dammed off as far South as Foochow Road and all the incoming drainage in the section of the creek between the Loongfei Bridge and Foochow Road is being pumped so as to enable it to flow away via the Yangkingpang.

The outlet works at the Peking Road Bridge are practically completed and the Defence Creek in the section between such outlet and the Soochow Creek is being extensively dredged. The mud filling is completed in the section between Peking Road and Burkill Road Bridges and is well in hand between Burkill Road and Loongfei Bridge. A Contract for the supply of mud which is to be dredged from the Soochow Creek and used for filling in the remaining length of Defence Creek has been entered into.

Buildings.—Work on the foundations of the Central Municipal Offices has proceeded steadily during the month up to the 26th, when a delay of four days occurred owing to some interruption with the regular shipments of cement, and work ceased accordingly.

Provision has been made for the ingress of all mains such as electric, gas, water and telephone by means of conduits placed under the cement mattress previous to the laying of foundations; the necessary mains will be threaded through these conduits when and as required without any disturbance to the building.

All watermains have been similarly fixed in position.

The foundations of the New School for Chinese in Baikal Road are completed and the foundations of the Thomas Hanbury School for Boys in Haskell Road are in hand.

The additions to the Tungchow Road Workshops are completed and comprise cartsheds, plant shed, painting shed and oil store. The additions are extensive and should suffice for some years expansion. A piece of land immediately adjoining has been retained for future extensions and will be used as a stone yard for the present.

The emergency exits and staircases at the Town Hall were used for the first time on Sunday, December 13, being thrown open at the conclusion of the Sunday Concert. An increasing number of people each Sunday avail themselves of these exits, the existence and use of which will gradually become more and more familiar.

The reinforced concrete work in connexion with the Hose Tower at Sinza Fire Station is progressing satisfactorily.

The construction of the Playshed at the Ellis Kadoorie School for Chinese has been slightly delayed owing to a lack of the proper kind of roof tiles. A consignment is now due and work will be pushed on.

The walls of the Tonquin Road Sub-station are completed and the centering for the concrete roof is being erected.

Fingchiao Quarry.—During the month *1602.50 fong* of material was dispatched to Shanghai.

Cleansing and Watering.	*Cartloads*
Road sweepings collected	4,403
Used for raising land	644
Ashes collected	72
Water used for street watering	3,373,800 gallons.

Labour.—The average daily number of coolies employed was—

Coolies	2,526
Foremen	194
Mafoos	165
Artizans	372
Convicts	135

Concreteware.—The following has been produced during the month:—

Hand-made	6,094 pieces
Machine-made	765 ,,

Casual Ward.—There were 9 admissions during the month and 31 cubic feet of stone broken.

New Buildings.—

Summary of work done during the month of December 1914.

Description of Work	*Total*
*Buildings under construction	269
Plans submitted for approval	55
Plans approved	46
Inspections by Inspectors	2,360
Boundary walls erected	1
Carpenter sheds erected	32
Repairs to buildings effected	66
New shop fronts inserted	19
Shop fronts, etc., painted	118
Alterations effected	29
Fences erected	15
Sign-boards erected	365
Temporary mat sunshades erected	25
Dangerous notices issued	5

*These figures refer to the number of blocks of buildings under construction, the number of houses would be considerably greater.

Dangerous Structures.

Dangerous structures reported by Public Works Department	1
1st Intimation Notices issued	1
2nd ,, ,, ,,	4

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month	38
Boundary stone certificates issued	78
Consular lots surveyed	13
New Consular lots put under taxation	20
Official plans prepared	41
Surveys made in connexion with Road Widenings and/or Extensions	71
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads and/or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public	38

M. C. R. Stones have been erected as follows :—

Central District	12
Northern ,,	10
Eastern ,,	14
Western ,,	20

Chas. H. Godfrey,
Engineer & Surveyor.

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Record of Calls on the Fire Brigade for December.

Date	Time of Alarm	Municipal and Fire Districts	Road	Class of Fire	Class of Building	Alarm	Buildings Affected	Time at Fire	Remarks
Dec. 6	7.12 p.m.	Central 5	Chekiang	Small	Chinese	Telephone		10 minutes	
7	6.49 a.m.	Northern 8	Cunningham	,,	,,	Bell	2 destroyed & 1 damaged	1 hour	
12	3.57 p.m.	Western 7	Gordon	,,	Foreign	Bell	1 slightly damaged	20 minutes	
12	8.40 p.m.	Outside Limits	Alabaster Extension			Telephone		3½ hours	
15	5.34 p.m.	Eastern 1	Seward			Telephone			False Alarm
15	5.44 p.m.	Western 7	Chengtu	Small	Chinese	Bell	4 destroyed & 3 damaged	1½ hours	
17	1.52 p.m.	Western 7	Park			Telephone		5 minutes	
20	9.01 a.m.	Northern 8	N. Chekiang	Small	Chinese	Telephone	3 damaged	½ hour	
23	12.14 p.m.	Western 7	Sinza	,,	,,	Bell	1 damaged	20 minutes	
24	10.55 p.m.	Northern 8	Tsepoo	,,	,,	Bell	6 damaged	1¼ hours	
24	4 53 p.m.	Central 4	Chili			Telephone			Tar boiler on fire.
27	1.08 p.m.	Western 7	Sinza			Telephone			
27	10.58 p.m.	Outside Limits	Chapei			Bell			

SUMMARY.—During December 13 calls to fires, or supposed fires, within the Settlement were received; the estimated damage being Tls. 5,050 as against Tls. 37,100 for the corresponding month of 1913.

During the year 151 Calls to Fires, or supposed fires, were received, an increase of 21 on the previous year; the estimated total damage, on property and contents, at fires within the Settlement, being Tls. 318,175 as against Tls. 724,465 for the year 1913, a decrease of Tls. 406,290.

M. W. PETT, *Chief Officer.*

Summary of Revenue for December.

Description	Estimate for 1914	1914 Number	1914 Amount	1914 Total from January 1.	1913 Number	1913 Amount	1913 Total from January 1.	1912 Number	1912 Amount	1912 Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
*LAND TAX	675,000	—	9,906.87	659,396.66	—	8,663.81	672,286.83	—	9,778.88	670,252.06
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
*Foreign	565,000	—	24,029.36	552,610.66	—	16,936.06	548,959.09	—	22,396.25	5 38,686.15
*Chinese	750,000	—	22,201.82	772,987.95	—	22,172.37	738,647.76	—	16,081.00	716,479.86
WHARFAGE DUES	210,000	—	38,555.25	189,362.00	—	55,911.20	215,244.71	—	59,531.04	204,782.49
LICENCE FEES—										
Tavern	16,800	2	16.00	17,387.00	1	30.00	16,573.00	2	38.00	15,871.01
Foreign Liquor Seller	20,000	—	—	19,284.08	4	100.01	19,483.43	6	166.68	19,308.37
Billiard & Bowling Saloon	700	—	—	562.50	—	—	663.00	—	—	582.00
Chinese Club	3,200	—	—	3,175.02	—	—	3,145.83	1	8.33	2,808.32
Chinese Lodging-house	11,500	—	—	11,378.50	—	—	10,672.00	3	8.00	7,772.50
Chinese wine-shop	29,000	10	29.50	29,619.34	4	5.00	28,583.50	5	6.00	26,273.00
Tea-shop	9,500	664	793.20	9,289.70	612	774.10	9,483.70	586	754.90	8,976.90
Foreign Theatre	4,700	18	443.31	5,702.31	15	430.00	4,744.00	22	390.00	4,396.00
Chinese Theatre	9,000	21	745.00	9,029.00	22	754.00	8,714.50	23	657.00	7,251.00
*Pawn-shop	19,000	—	—	15,862.43	—	—	13,741.69	246	3,823.18	17,724.27
Opium-shop	86,000	599	9,717.00	122,624.00	560	8,953.00	86,386.00	412	6,026.00	67,664.00
Cargo Boat	5,500	880	455.00	5,348.52	826	468.22	5,470.77	695	436.54	5,301.27
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100	64	91.65	1,098.97	60	87.48	1,051.58	60	88.16	1,073.49
Launch	2,300	45	64.44	2,404.09	42	61.24	2,220.95	42	61.82	2,258.70
Chinese	5,000	1,883	424.61	5,020.13	2,008	443.34	4,707.69	1,973	346.16	3,752.86
Sampan Boat	1,200	67	48.08	1,110.85	90	65.82	1,109.82	66	48.55	981.46
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,000	P. 8 / C. 7	14.68	13,090.59	P. 28 / C. 27	90.95	13,785.49	P. 22 / C. 18	58.06	13,933.77
Livery Stable	24,000	P. 500 / C. 373	1,430.62	20,796.81	P. 631 / C. 514	1,969.35	24,143.34	P. 682 / C. 524	2,043.58	24,385.21
Motor Car	14,000	22	100.08	16,618.68	28	166.76	12,376.32	20	126.73	10,042.62
Cart	23,500	1,290	1,971.00	26,266.50	1,282	1,940.00	22,941.50	1,086	1,654.50	19,383.50
Private-owned Ricsha	45,000	55	59.16	44,021.66	137	219.65	44,709.39	95	156.17	42,678.49
Public Ricsha	150,000	9,065	13,036.23	151,077.21	8,271	12,123.31	151,518.66	10,224	15,039.93	151,004.37
Sedan-chair	400	7	9.29	267.65	13	21.87	363.13	11	16.86	797.65
Wheel-barrow	38,500	7,471	3,739.88	41,670.48	7,780	3,893.49	38,670.41	7,112	3,561.14	34,795.15
Firearms	2,400	1	75.00	2,175.00	—	—	2,400.00	1	75.00	4,125.00
Dog	1,800	24	17.19	1,735.83	46	33.63	1,784.19	12	8.81	1,383.93
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets	48,350	4,191	6,145.21	61,157.04	3,986	3,971.75	42,083.06	3,485	3,438.61	40,226.86
Town Hall	750	—	—	800.00	—	260.00	710.00	—	150.00	590.00
Firemen's Quarters	2,660	—	210.00	2,199.40	—	160.50	2,368.11	—	311.00	2,351.00
Cad. Lot 168 C.	1,400	—	—	827.52	—	756.20	5,811.88	—	598.50	6,630.90
,, 171 C.	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,500.00	—	—	—
,, 979 N.	750	—	—	421.42	—	143.45	914.16	—	—	—
,, 1069 N.	—	—	—	—	—	210.83	1,945.95	—	584.65	2,949.12
Assessed Rentals of Mun. Quarters	4,840	—	—	6,401.77	—	615.00	6,674.81	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	500	—	—	503.53	—	46.00	395.49	—	743.24	1,370.76
REVENUE FROM PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL UNDERTAKINGS.										
Gas Co., Ld.	5,000	—	449.13	5,262.58	—	415.30	5,002.08	—	433.76	5,224.39
Mutual Telephone Co. Ld.	4,000	—	—	4,000.00	—	—	4,000.00	—	—	5,000.00
Electric Construction Co. Ld	35,600	—	8,504.80	35,122.87	—	8,901.22	33,638.12	—	7,573.27	29,254.39
Electricity Department	30,255	—	7,563.75	30,255.00	—	6,628.75	26,515.00	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,872,205		150,847.11	2,897,925.25		158,423.66	2,839,143.94		157,220.30	2,718,322.83

*Still in process of collection.

E. L. ALLEN,
Overseer of Taxes.

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TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MUNICIPAL TENDERS.

1. The Council reserves to itself the right to accept the whole or part of any tender.
2. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender or to pay any expenses which the tenderers may incur in tendering.
3. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the contract.
4. The names of tenderers, with prices quoted, will be published in the Municipal Gazette.
5. A fee may be charged for specifications, to be returned upon receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.
6. Tenders, sealed and labelled on the outside as to their contents, should be forwarded, preferably by chit book or registered letter, to "The Secretary, Municipal Council, 24 Kiangse Road" not later than noon on the day fixed for their receipt.

工部局承攬信章程

一 所有承攬各項本局承辦事宜開列於下

二 所有承攬價目繳是極利益

三 如有不承認亦不付保

四 所有承攬及人之信承攬之人到局後保其遵照合同辦理的實

五 目前所有以後登入各人局公稱伸知悉

六 本局必取阻戕清錢數單若須付錢內登則

明所收之將款一俟得有此驗承價

所有承攬各項本局承辦事宜開列於下

清單費

信送時之最前以用此信概括免交挂號

二部局總辦處須知在定期二十日上午十一時

面寫明送至江西路二號工部局

漆其承攬何項料等物必須加大信

所有承攬信應公實封固加蓋

明所收款錢數目須清單在驗單內登

明所收之將款一俟得有此驗承價

本局必取阻戕清錢數單若須付錢內登則

TENDERS INVITED.

No.	Description.	Fee	Date for receipt of tenders.
	TAX OFFICE.		
	Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained from the Overseer of Taxes, 7a The Bund.		
1.	75 yards Blue Beaver Cloth No. 1 quality	—	Extended to January 21.
2.	75 ,, Thin Blue Serge	—	do.
3.	30 ,, Thick ,,	—	do.
	POLICE FORCE.		
	Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained from the Storekeeper, Gordon Road.		
41.	100 yards Blue Beaver Cloth, No. 1 quality.	—	Extended to January 21.
42.	50 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 2 ,,	—	do.
43.	2,200 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 3 ,,	—	do.
44.	400 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 4 ,,	—	do.
45.	5,000 ,, ,, Indigo Serge.	—	do.
46.	800 ,, Khaki Woollen Serge.	—	do.
47.	2,200 ,, Cotton Lining.	—	do.
48.	75 pairs White Woollen Blankets, 63 x 84, 7lb. per pair.	—	do.
49.	250 ,, Brown Army Blankets, 68 x 90, 10lb. per pair.	—	do.
	To be delivered on or before June 30, 1915.	—	do.
51.	Convicts' Food, in the following quantities monthly Rice 240 piculs Wheat 35 ,, Beans, flat 30 ,, ,, red 30 ,, For 3 or 6 months.	—	January 21. Tenders should be accompanied by samples.
52.	500 Brown Blankets 84in. by 60in. 5lb each. To be delivered on or before October 15.	—	April 15.
	ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Electricity Offices, 66 Szechuen Road.		
118.	17,500 Drawn Wire Metal Filament Lamps	Tls. 5	February 18.

TENDERS RECEIVED.

GENERAL.

Tender No. 1.

Supply of coal for use in the Municipal offices, Police Stations, Hospitals, etc., during 1915.

	Japanese House Coal.	*Anthracite.*
S. H. Abbass	Tls. 9.50 per ton	Tls. 16.50 per ton
*Hopkins, Dunn & Co.	8.50 ,,	15.00 ,,
Sun Nee & Co.	8.10 ,,	14.80 ,,
United Trading Co.	—	$17.00 ,,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Tender No. 239.

20 tons of built up steel beams for Thomas Hanbury School for Boys.

Andersen, Meyer & Co.	Tls. 3,650.00
New Engineering & Shipbuilding Works Ld.	3,500.00
Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ld.	3,000.00
Heng Chong Chang	2,358.60
*Soy Chong	1,970.00

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

Tender No. 119.

Stationery.

Central Printing Co.	$3,744.00
Mercantile Printing Co., Ld.	3,480.50
Continental Press	3,456.50
International Printing Co.	3,341.50
National Press Ld.	3,335.00
Lee Hing Printing Co.	3,140.60
*Brewer & Co., Ld.	3,064.50

*Accepted.

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